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INDIANAPOLIS MAN CHARGED WITH BANK ROBBERY AND FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that TRACY ALLEN CARSON, 40, Indianapolis, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for armed bank robbery, using a firearm during the bank robbery, and being a felon in possession of a firearm, following an investigation by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Indiana State Police.

The indictment alleges that on April 26, 2007, CARSON possessed a firearm when he had previously been convicted of a felony. CARSON has purportedly been convicted of three prior felony convictions, all robberies, in 1994 and 1985. The indictment charges CARSON possessed a Colt, .45 caliber pistol. The day before, on April 25, 2007, the indictment alleges that CARSON committed an armed bank robbery at the Chase Bank at 7001 S. Madison Avenue, in Indianapolis, Indiana, using the same firearm. CARSON took approximately \$122,000 from the Chase Bank branch employees.

According to Assistant U. S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CARSON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 25 years for the armed bank robbery, a minimum of 7 years and up to life for using a firearm during the bank robbery, and a minimum of 15 years and up to life for being a felon in possession of a firearm. CARSON faces a fine of up to \$250,000 on each count. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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